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DESCRIPTION

Generator is a conventional 3-phase, self-rectifying type with 6 diodes (3 positive and 3 negative) that rectify current. Internal regulator is solid-state type.

ADJUSTMENTS

BELT DEFLECTION

Measure belt deflection in center of longest pulley-to-pulley span. See BELT DEFLECTION SPECIFICATIONS. If belt deflection is not as specified, adjust as necessary.

BELT DEFLECTION SPECIFICATIONS

Application	⁽¹⁾ Deflection - In. (mm)
New Belt	0.31-0.35 (8.0-9.0)
Used Belt	0.35-0.39 (9.0-10.0)

(1) With 22 lbs. (10 kg) applied to belt.

TROUBLE SHOOTING

NOTE: See **TROUBLE SHOOTING - BASIC PROCEDURES** article in **GENERAL INFORMATION** section.

TROUBLE SHOOTING PRECAUTIONS

Observe the following precautions when trouble shooting or testing charging system:

- Obtain code number and deactivate audio anti-theft system before disconnecting battery.
- DO NOT reverse battery cable connections. Rectifier will be damaged.
- DO NOT use high voltage type testers.
- Battery voltage is always present at terminal "B".
- DO NOT ground terminal "L" while engine is running.
- DO NOT start engine with connector disconnected from terminals "L" and "S".
- DO NOT apply battery voltage to terminal "L".

ON-VEHICLE TESTING

NOTE: Check generator wiring harness connections and drive belt tension. Battery

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must be fully charged before testing. Wait at least 30 seconds after starting engine before measuring system voltage.

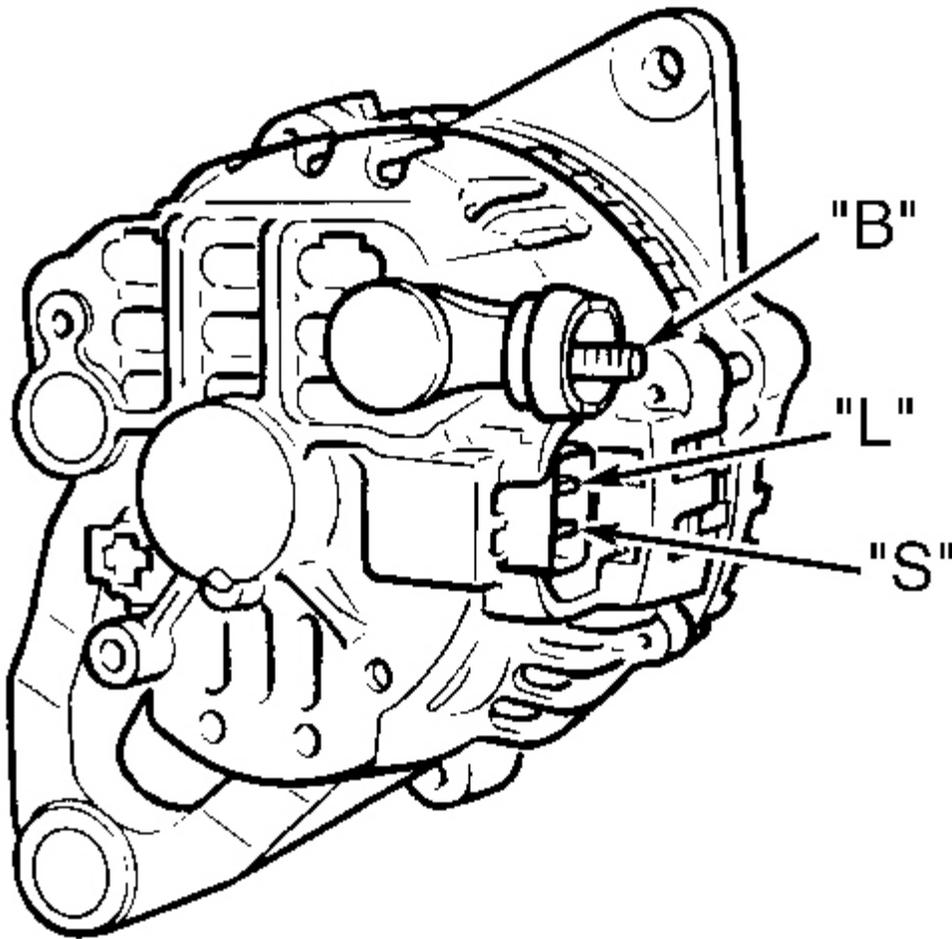
CAUTION: Ensure generator terminal "B" does not contact ground.

GENERATOR OUTPUT

1. Connect an ammeter (100-amp minimum) in-line between generator terminal "B" connector and terminal "B" of wiring harness connector. See **Fig. 1** . Turn headlights and all accessories on. Depress brake pedal. Operate engine at 2500-3000 RPM.
2. If amperage is not as specified, see GENERATOR MAXIMUM RATED OUTPUT table, repair or replace generator as necessary. If amperage is as specified, turn off headlights and all accessories. Release brake pedal. Operate engine at 2500-3000 RPM. If amperage is not about 5 amps or more, repair or replace generator as necessary.
3. If amperage is about 5 amps or more, measure voltage between ground and terminals "S" and "L" while operating engine at 2500-3000 RPM. If 14.1-14.7 volts is not present, repair or replace generator as necessary. If 14.1-14.7 volts is present, generator output is okay.

GENERATOR MAXIMUM RATED OUTPUT

Application	Amps
A/T	70
M/T	65



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Fig. 1: Identifying Generator Terminals (Miata)
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BENCH TESTING

RECTIFIER/DIODE ASSEMBLY

1. Using an ohmmeter, check continuity of each diode in both directions (polarity). See **Fig. 2** -4. If diode shows high resistance in one direction and low resistance in other direction, diode is okay.
2. If diode shows low resistance in both directions, diode is shorted. If diode shows high resistance in both

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directions, diode is open. If any diode is defective, replace rectifier assembly.

ROTOR & SLIP RINGS

Measure resistance between rotor slip ring contacts. See **Fig. 5 -9**. If resistance is not within specification, replace rotor. See **ROTOR RESISTANCE SPECIFICATIONS** . Check continuity between individual slip rings and rotor core/shaft. If continuity is present, replace rotor.

ROTOR RESISTANCE SPECIFICATIONS

Application	Ohms
Miata	3.5-4.5

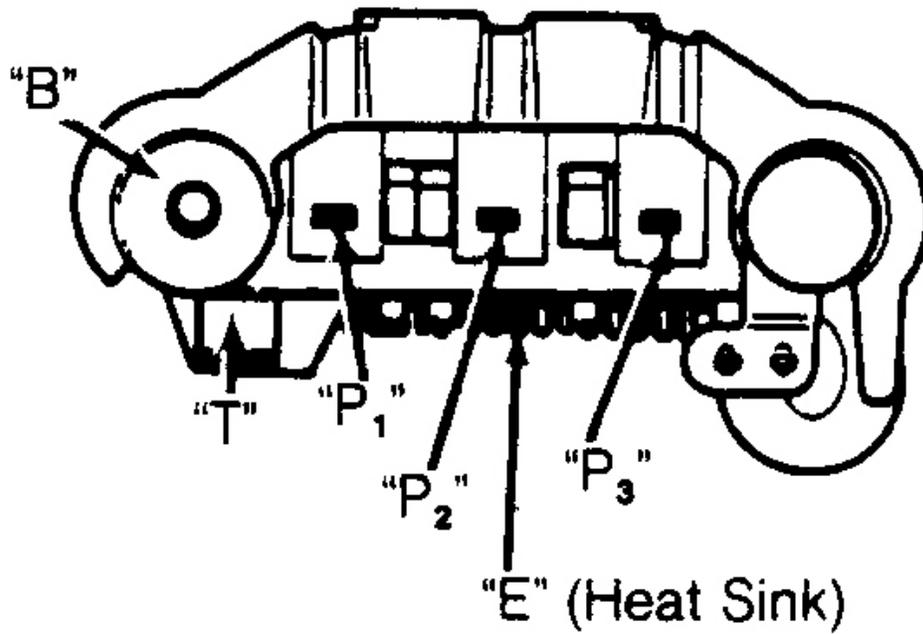
STATOR

Check continuity between stator coil leads and stator core.

See **Fig. 5 -9**. If continuity is present, replace stator. Check continuity between leads of stator coil. If continuity is not present, replace stator.

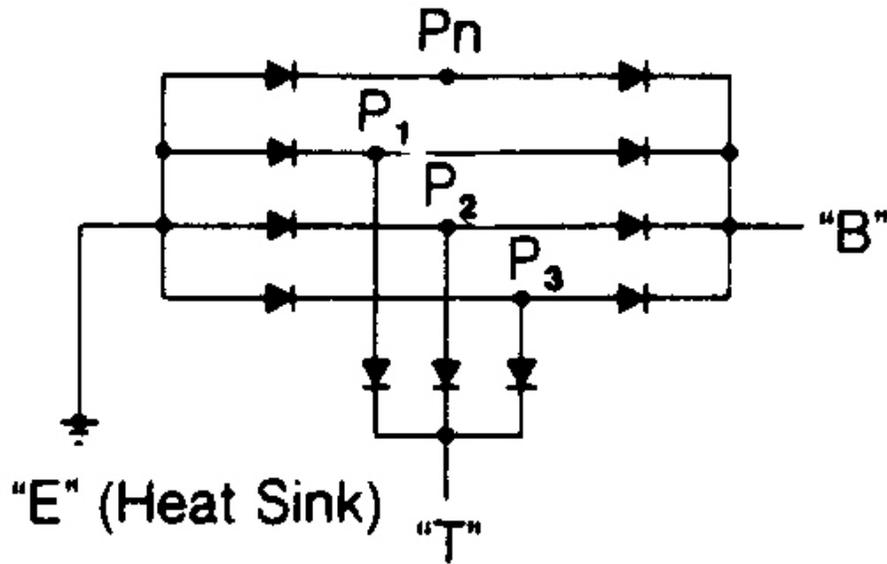
BRUSHES

Replace brushes if worn to limit line. See **Fig. 5 -9**. Replace brush springs if corroded. For brush replacement procedure, see OVERHAUL.



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Fig. 2: Testing Rectifier Diodes (Miata)
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Fig. 3: Rectifier Diode Schematic
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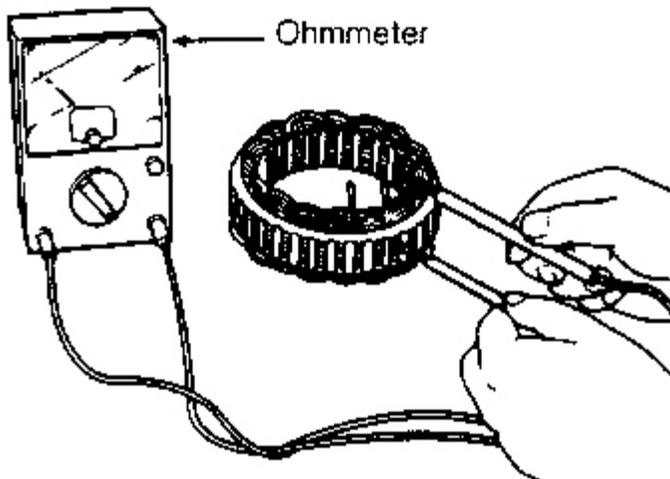
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Negative	Positive	Continuity
E	Pn, P1, P2, P3	Yes
B		No
T		No
Pn, P1, P2, P3	E	No
	B	Yes
P1, P2, P3	T	Yes
Pn		No

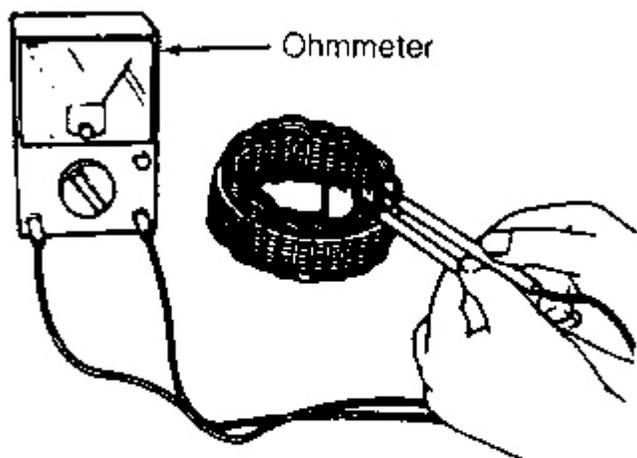
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Fig. 4: Rectifier Diode Table
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CHECKING STATOR FOR SHORTS
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Fig. 5: Testing Generator Stator, Rotor & Brushes (1 Of 5)
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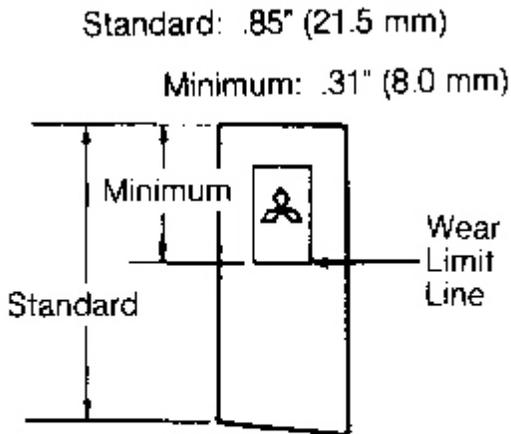


CHECKING STATOR WINDING CONTINUITY
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Fig. 6: Testing Generator Stator, Rotor & Brushes (2 Of 5)
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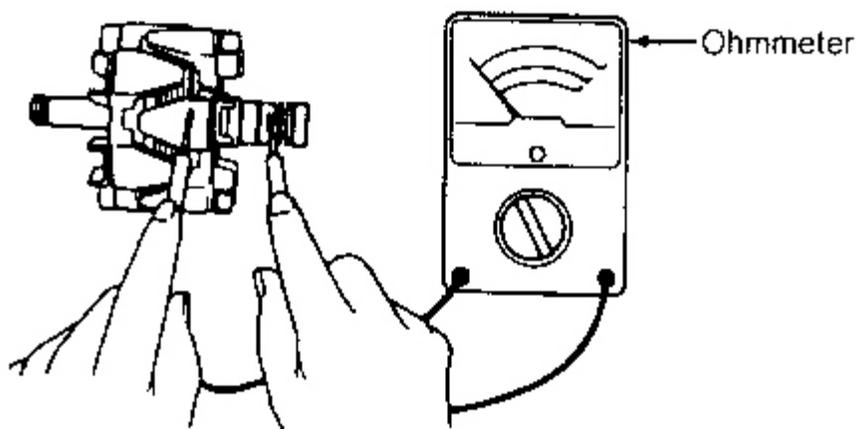
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MEASURING BRUSH WEAR
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Fig. 7: Testing Generator Stator, Rotor & Brushes (3 Of 5)
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CHECKING ROTOR FOR SHORTS
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Fig. 8: Testing Generator Stator, Rotor & Brushes (4 Of 5)
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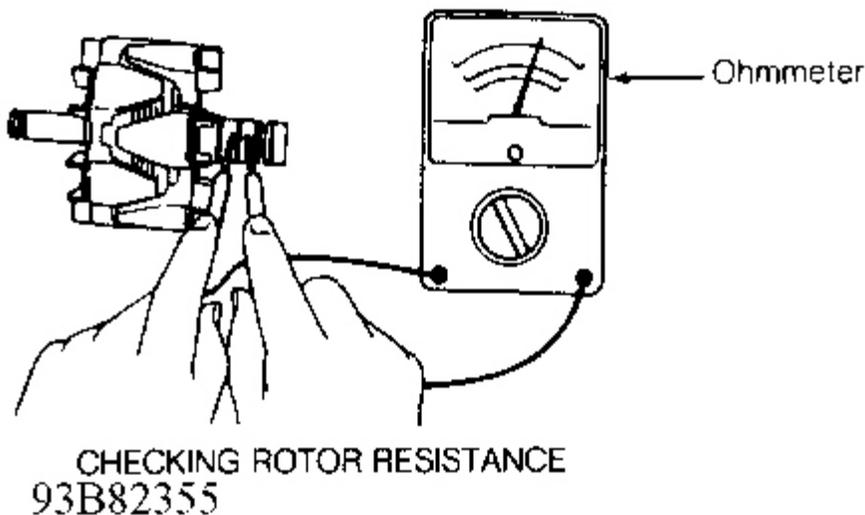
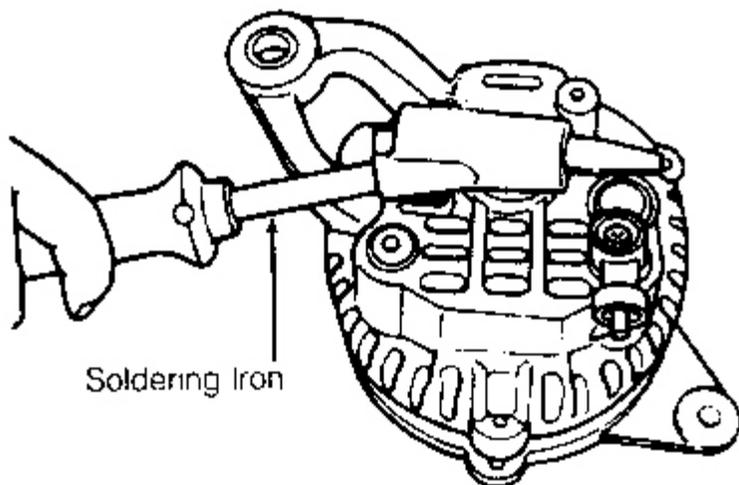


Fig. 9: Testing Generator Stator, Rotor & Brushes (5 Of 5)
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OVERHAUL

DISASSEMBLY

1. Place a 200-watt soldering iron against rear bearing for 3-4 minutes to heat rear cover to 122-140°F (50-60°C). Carefully separate front case and rotor from rear cover and stator. See **Fig. 10** -15 and 17.
2. Position rotor in vise. Remove pulley. Disassemble pulley, rotor and front case. Remove front bearing from front case. Using a bearing puller, remove rear bearing.
3. Remove "B" terminal nut and bushing from rear cover. Remove screws from brush holder and rectifier. Separate rear cover and stator. When unsoldering rectifier and stator leads, disconnect as quickly as possible (5 seconds maximum) to avoid damage to rectifier. To remove brushes from holder, unsolder pigtail from terminal.



Soldering Iron

USING A SOLDERING IRON
TO HEAT REAR BEARING HOUSING

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Fig. 10: Overhauling Generator (1 Of 6)
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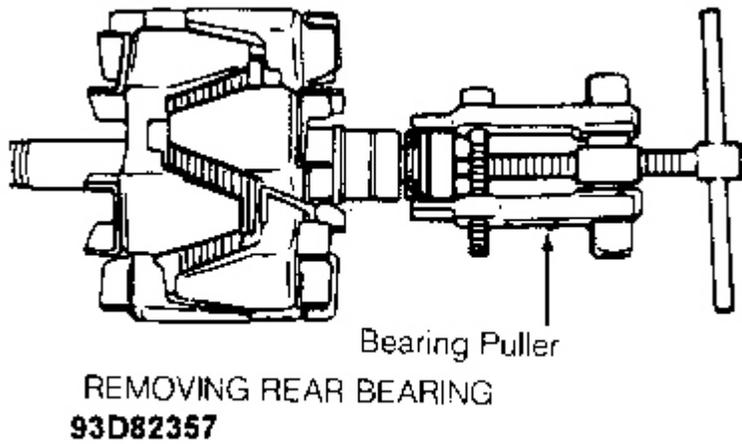


Fig. 11: Overhauling Generator (2 Of 6)
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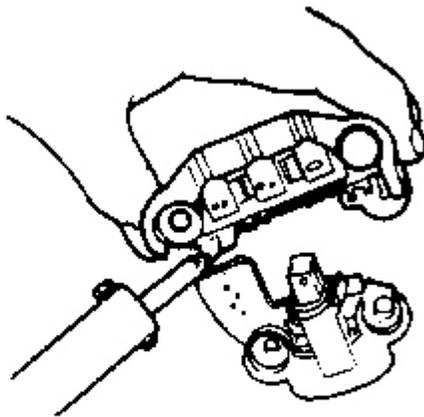
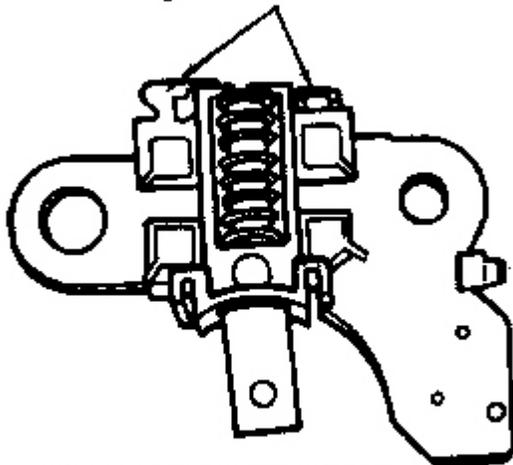


Fig. 12: Overhauling Generator (3 Of 6)

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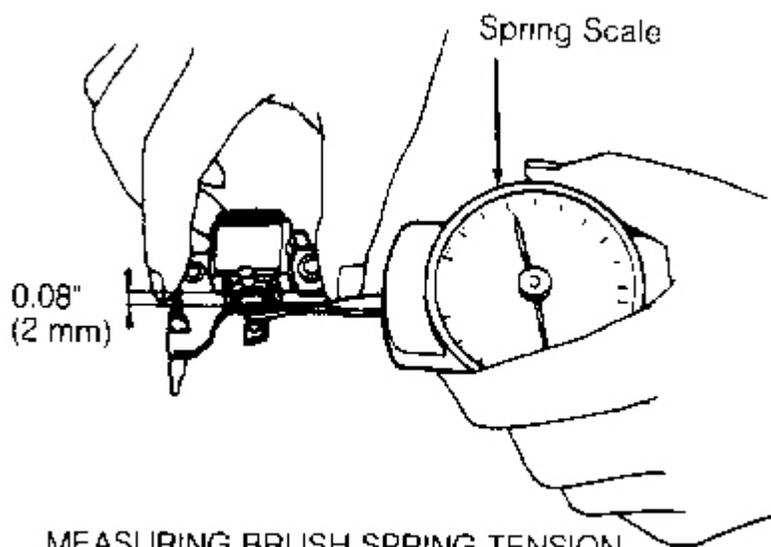
Unsoldering Points



REPLACING BRUSHES

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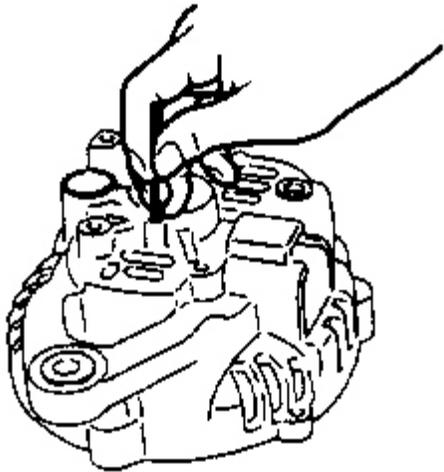
Fig. 13: Overhauling Generator (4 Of 6)
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MEASURING BRUSH SPRING TENSION

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Fig. 14: Overhauling Generator (5 Of 6)
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INSERTING WIRE TO HOLD
BRUSHES FOR REASSEMBLY
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Fig. 15: Overhauling Generator (6 Of 6)
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REASSEMBLY

Brush Installation

1. Install brush and spring into holder. Allow brush to extend out of holder until wear limit line extends .08-.16" (2-4 mm) beyond end of brush holder. See **Fig. 16** . Solder pigtail onto brush holder.
2. Insert spring and brush into brush holder. Using a spring scale, pull brush into holder until end of brush protrudes .08" (2.0 mm) from holder. See **Fig. 10** -15. Note reading on spring scale. Replace spring if tension is not 5.6-15.5 ozs. (160-440 g).

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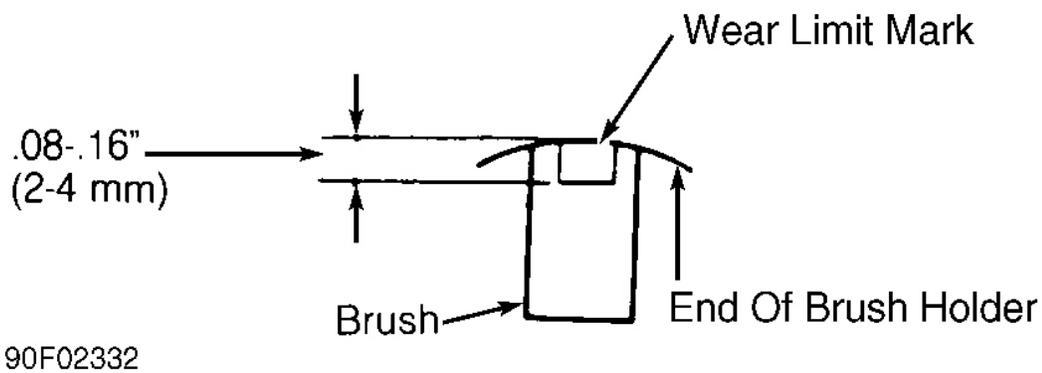
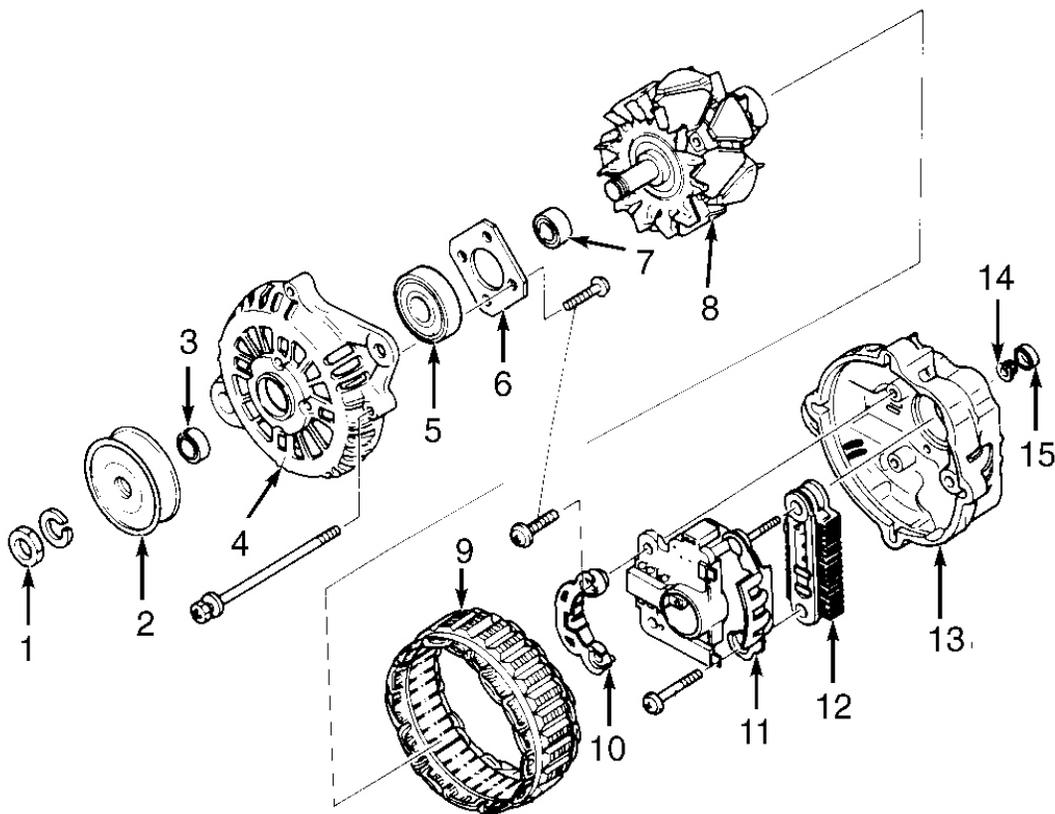


Fig. 16: Measuring Installed Depth Of Brush
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| 1. Pulley Nut | 9. Stator |
| 2. Pulley | 10. Brush Shield |
| 3. Spacer | 11. Brush Holder |
| 4. Front Case | 12. Rectifier |
| 5. Front Bearing | 13. Rear Cover |
| 6. Bearing Retainer Plate | 14. Nut |
| 7. Spacer | 15. Bushing |
| 8. Rotor | |

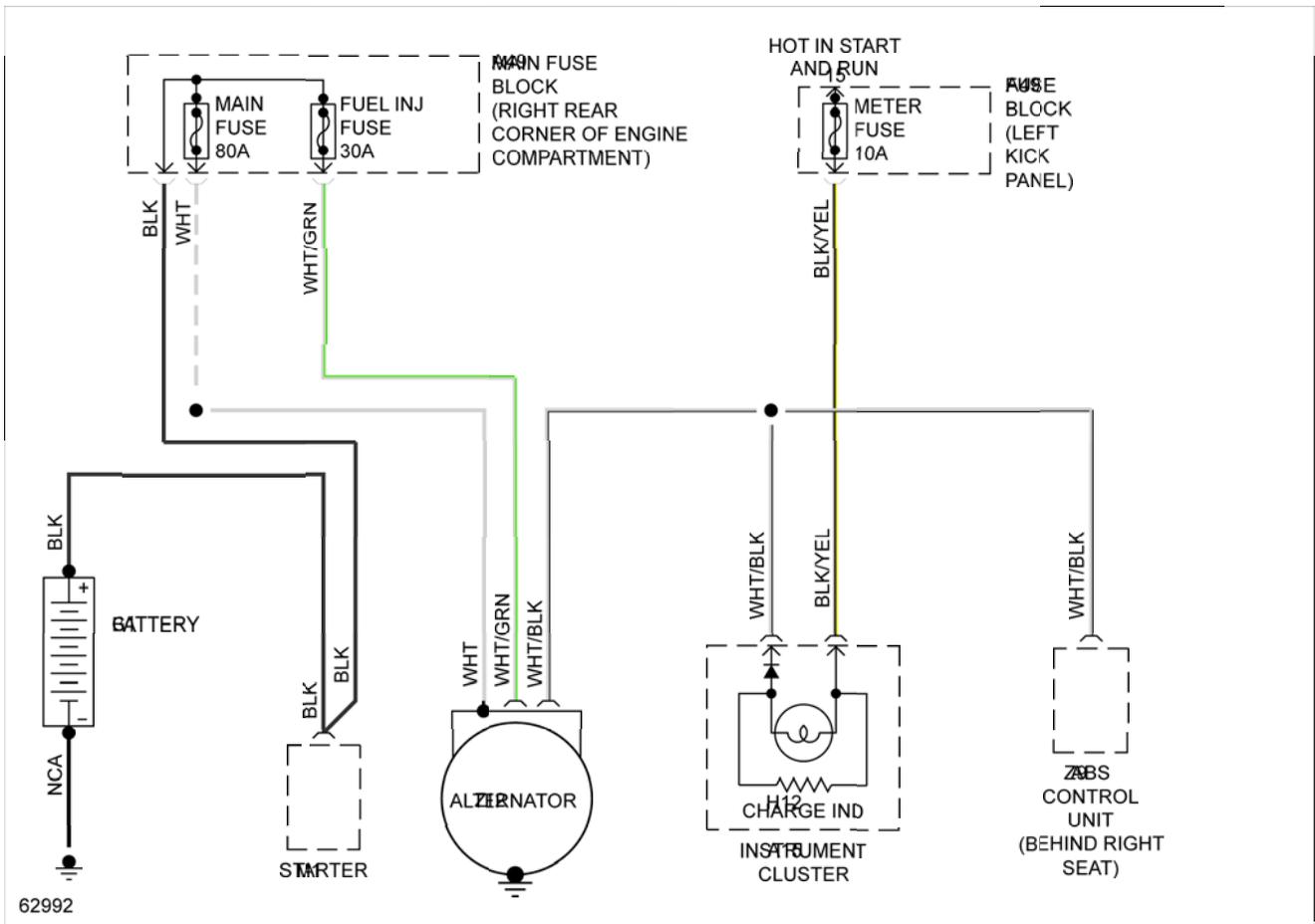
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Fig. 17: Exploded View Of Generator (Miata)
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WIRING DIAGRAM

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Fig. 18: Charging System Wiring Diagram (Miata)